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MEMURANDUM FOR:	Director of Information Services
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SUBJECT:

Classified Documents in the Personal Papers of a United States Congressman

- In previous discussions concerning the problem of classified documents finding their way into the "personal" papers of members of the Legislative Branch of the Government, we had concentrated on the papers of retired senators. This was because our attention had been drawn by the papers of former senators Ervin, Church, and Mansfield, and because publications by the Senate History Office gave us some grasp of the size of the problem. There is no equivalent History Office in the House of Representatives yet, though an Historian has been selected for their Bicentennial (1989). There was always a suspicion, however, that because of their shorter terms and larger numbers, the problem of Representatives' "personal" papers was probably even worse than the Senators'.
- Today the National Archives lifted the lid a bit on Pandora's Box. A mandatory request we handled under the new program of aiding IPD was a request from the University of North Carolina to declassify 14 CIA documents from the private papers of the late Congressman Allard K. Lowenstein, who apparently deeded his papers to his alma mater before his murder (1980). As you can see from the attached papers, the University of North Carolina apparently sent 150 classified documents to the National Archives from the Lowenstein papers. The portion of the list that was enclosed with our part of the request shows 45 documents. Of these 45, one was not marked, seven were marked LIMITED OFFICIAL USE (not strictly speaking a classification) and 37 were classified. The highest classifications are SECRET/NOFORN/NO CONTRACT/ORCON, SECRET/EYES ONLY, and EXDIS.

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- 3. The University of North Carolina has, along with the University of Washington (Seattle), and Princeton, the reputation of being the most cooperative of all non-federal repositories with regards to weeding out classified material from these "private" congressional collections. However, according to NARA personnel, the University of North Carolina has no facilities for storing classified material, so we must assume that these papers have not received proper protection since they left Capitol Hill. How many other classified documents reside in Congressmen's papers around the U.S.--unidentified or ignored--we can only surmise. Mr. Lowenstein was a congressman for two years, 1971-73, but was a member of the U.S. delegation to the UN in 1977-78. The Lowenstein case gives you some idea of how many documents a congressman can gather unto himself at least in this situation.
- 4. I am making this a matter for the record because it is part of that much larger problem that has received some attention and for any further action you believe is warranted.

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Information and Privacy Coordinator Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

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The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has sent us a number of classified documents from its collection of the Papers of Allard Lowenstein which we believe may be of interest to your agency. Enclosed are copies of the items for your review for possible declassification. Pages 48-61, 179-82, 277-93, 297-300, 302-399 and 559-62 are also being coordinated with the Department of State.

Please send your review determinations, including all sanitizing instructions, to this office and refer to our project number NND 856105. The National Archives will notify the University of North Carolina of your decisions.

Sincerely.

JO ANN WILLIAMSON

Chief, Archives Review Branch Records Declassification Division

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April 9, 1985

Ms. Jo Ann Williamson, Chief Archives Review Branch Records Declassification Division National Archives and Records Administration Washington, DC 20408

Dear Jo Ann:

I am enclosing a list of the classified federal records we have found in the Allard Lowenstein papers, and the documents themselves, which are contained in four envelopes.

Please review these documents for declassification. If your office is unable to determine declassification of any of the documents, we would like to have those reviewed under the mandatory review provisions of Executive Order #12356.

The breakdown of documents into the four envelopes is as follows:

#1: 1-50 #2: 51-84 #3: 85-141A

#4: 142-150

Please note on the attached list that numbers 101 and 102 have been omitted, and numbers 141A and 150 have been added.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely yours.

Mitchell F. Ducey

Archivist, Lowenstein Papers

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